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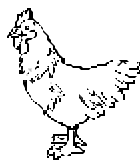
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was fully steady in the Northeast, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was mostly slow to fair, instances moderate where features were present. Food service was slightly better with strongest interest going into fast food for specials. Supplies were usually in balance with heavier weights at times still more available. In the parts structure, trading was light to good with retail ads aiding interest. Breast items were in close supply to tight of an active call, leg items and wings were at least adequate and easy to locate if needed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 62.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 62.25 cents last year on April 25, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00
BREASTS - B/S	140.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50
LEG QUARTERS	20.50
WINGS	65.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light with limited features present. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food for specials. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade requirements. In the parts structure, breast items were barely adequate to tight and clearing well at confident levels. Dark meat and wings were at least adequate or available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate, as most dealers limited purchases to normal commitments. Offerings varied but were sufficient in keeping inventories balanced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in close balance and well cleared. Legs and leg quarters were at least sufficient. Wings were available.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone remained steady. Offerings of whole fryers and WOG's were light to moderate for the generally limited trade interest. Movement into retail centers was slow to moderate, mostly fair and slightly improved over previous trading period. Retail features noted on leg quarters in the St. Louis area at 39 and 37 cents, in Chicago at 29 cents and in Michigan drums and thighs at \$1.00; Boneless/skinless breasts in Michigan and Chicago areas at \$1.79 and in St. Louis at \$1.88. Food service demand was slow to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Floor stocks were manageable with weights in a desirable range. Trading on parts items was slow to fairly good with boneless/skinless breasts and leg quarters clearing well. Supplies of boneless/skinless breasts were limited with several calls going unfilled; bone-in breasts were mixed, adequate to occasionally barely adequate, leg quarters adequate and wings plentiful. The market tone was fully steady to firm on boneless/skinless and bone-in breasts, steady on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on wings.

WESTERN The trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings of whole body product over 4 pounds ample with the smaller weights in fairly good balance with an only fair buying interest. Demand by stores moderate to fairly good best where features in progress, restaurants fairly good overall best by fast food. Floor stocks were adequate overall. Trade sentiment was fully steady on breasts and about steady on balance of parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 04/20/02	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	188,181	185,833	+01
CHICKS PLACED	150,465	147,931	+02
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	210,116	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	169,151	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 188 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 20, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 20, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 20, 2002 were 2.40 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 20, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 20, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 13, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 2.70 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 1-Jun-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 162.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.47 CENTS PER POUND

APRIL 23, 2002

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APRIL 24, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	838	115.00-189.00	124-130	128.89
TENDERLOINS	142	135.00-195.00	-	146.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	118	65.00-69.00	66-68	66.49
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	123	26.00-35.00	26-28	27.15
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	348	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.24
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,199	17.00-25.50	19-21	19.90
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	51.00-68.00	-	65.39
WINGS (CUT)	417	69.00-77.00	70-73	72.30
DRUMSTICKS	68	35.00-41.00	-	35.71
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	877	124.00-189.00	129-135	133.32
TENDERLOINS	157	135.00-195.00	-	145.75
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	67.00-71.00	68-69	68.37
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	26.00-35.00	27-28	26.82
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	14.25-18.00	15-16	15.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,319	17.00-25.50	19-20	19.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	51.00-68.00	65-67	65.39
WINGS (CUT)	302	69.00-72.00	70-72	70.78
DRUMSTICKS	68	35.00-41.00	-	35.71
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.00 - 38.50	35.12	34.63 - 38.50	36.89	35.72

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate and about as expected for mid-week trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were barely adequate to tight and boneless-skinless breasts were in close balance and clearing. Legs and leg quarters were at least sufficient. Drums, thighs and wings were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair, best where feature activity was planned or in progress. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items; generally about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES APRIL 23, 2002

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	129.95	272,390
TENDERLOINS	125-130	134.83	92,100
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	71.20	194,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	68.51	116,160
LEGS	32-33	35.65	128,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	19.11	476,433
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	32.05	214,290
THIGHS	25-26	30.30	100,510
B/S THIGHS	81-82	80.81	82,980
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	60.17	532,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.41	27,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	21.16	10,735
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.22	28,710

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	132.76	513,960
TENDERLOINS	125-130	134.09	71,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	72.69	218,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	66	68.39	177,920
LEGS	32-33	35.53	153,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	19.74	244,112
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	34.12	86,120
THIGHS	25-26	31.87	73,610
B/S THIGHS	81-82	82.08	74,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	65.54	256,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.78	37,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	20.82	11,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.10	23,120

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/24	04/23	04/22	04/19	04/22
ALA	3,999	4,006	4,024	4,011	4.99
ARK	5,355	5,231	5,149	5,153	4.98
DELMARVA	2,360	2,352	2,335	2,229	5.20
KY-LA-TN	1,997	2,023	1,933	1,974	4.51
MISS	2,631	2,565	2,588	2,806	5.45
NC	2,693	2,680	2,610	2,559	6.07
TEXAS	2,410	2,413	2,432	2,632	4.66
TOTAL	21,445	21,270	21,071	21,364	5.12
MON-WED 64,333(A)					4.95
					21,244
					5.14
					63,986(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Apr 02 and is estimated to be 32,084,000 up 0.64 percent from a week ago and up 5.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,879,000; last year 30,415,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	83-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 92-93
	DRY PACK 94-101
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 94-98
	DRY PACK -
DUCKS	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 27-APRIL-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/27/02 (1)	04/20/02
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	163,366 (2)	161,940
LT HENS	2,083	2,078
HVY HENS	1,416	1,466
CHECK TOTAL	166,865	165,484

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Apr-02 is 160.5 million head compared to 158.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.7 million head or 3.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 04-May-02 the estimated available is 159.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 22-Apr-02	179,815	75,965
AM 1-Apr-02	164,226	77,627
CHG	15,589	-1,662
PCT CHG	9	-2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/22/02	04/15/02	04/23/01	04/22/02	04/15/02	04/23/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	13,099	13,595	19,128	3,535	3,454	4,081
LOS ANGELES	108	94	642	1,858	1,958	2,717

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF APRIL 22, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

				FOR 4/23/02			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	1.90	1.18	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.95	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	4.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	1.35	1.55	1.48	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	7.25	-
BROILERS lb.	.50	.75	.62	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.10	.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	8.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.75	5.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.90	1.20	1.44	ROOSTERS ea.	4.25	8.00	-
GEESE lb.	1.00	1.05	1.02	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.95	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	30.00	-
DUCKS lb.	1.00	2.10	1.84	DUCKS ea.	4.00	10.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.90	2.15	1.88	RABBITS ea.	2.50	3.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	8.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	8.00	12.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.25	1.75	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	5.50	7.00	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	-	5.25	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 127

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 19, 2002

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards Hens
RAYON					
Low	61.58	133.01	88.67	32.02	14.78 51.73
High	64.04	137.93	93.60	39.41	19.70 51.73
Mostly	62.56	133.01	91.14	34.48	14.78 51.73

SAN JUAN

Low	61.09	137.93	83.75	34.48	14.78 56.65
High	62.56	142.86	93.60	36.95	17.24 56.65
Mostly	61.09	137.93	88.67	34.48	16.26 56.65

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	64.04	128.08	83.75	27.09	14.78 47.78
High	66.01	142.86	91.14	34.48	17.24 47.78
Mostly	65.03	137.93	88.67	32.02	14.78 47.78

BECERRA

Low	63.06	133.01	83.75	34.48	14.78 47.78
High	65.03	140.40	93.60	39.41	19.70 47.78
Mostly	63.55	137.93	91.14	34.48	14.78 47.78

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings in good balance. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the part complex, boneless skinless breasts were no more than adequate. Supplies of bone-in breasts were short of inquiry. Leg items were fully adequate to ample. Wings were readily available and slow to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	43-60
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.47
NO. OF BOXES	10,140

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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